### "Creating Sustainable Businesses in NJ"



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#### Goals for this Initiative:

- Promote sustainability planning and practices among NJ businesses to enhance economic success, environmental protection, and an improved quality of life.
- Identify and share resources to educate and encourage the New Jersey business community on SROI (sustainable return on investment).

### Welcome

•Welcome to all participants, including those joining us on the webinar.

Today's meeting is being recorded.

•All attendees on the webinar are muted.

## Welcome

Today's Agenda

Green Tourism and Hospitality
 Conference – February 12, 2013

SBI Updates

 The First Annual Survey of NJ Business Sustainability

## Welcome

Please make sure to use microphone

Please speak one at a time.

Please introduce yourself – state your name and affiliation

# The Following Individuals are Joining us Today:

#### In Person:

- Bob Marshall, Asst Commissioner, Sustainability & Green Energy, NJDEP
- Ky Asral, Environmental Engineer, Sustainability & Green Energy, NJDEP
- Athena Sarafides, Research Scientist, Sustainability & Green Energy, NJDEP
- Jerri Weigand, Enviro Specialist, Sustainability & Green Energy, NJDEP
- Janet Smolenski, Enviro Specialist, Compliance & Enforcement, NJDEP
- Takeena Deas, Director of Govmt Relations, Somerset Co Business Partnership
- Jeff Waldman, President, The Green Standard
- Ed Kurocka, Principal, OnSight Advisors
- Kent Fairfield, Interim Exec Dir, Fairleigh Dickinson, Institute for Sustainable Enterprise

# The Following Individuals are Joining us Today:

#### In Person:

- Karen Brown-Stovell, Exec Director, Forward Ever Sustainable Business Alliance
- Joe Constance, Domestic Business Advocate, NJ Business Action Center
- Barbara Close, Princeton Sustainability Advisors
- Allan Fliss, Executive Director, NJ Green Association
- Pernilla Frisk, Monarco Group
- Joanne Gere, Founder, BioScience Collaborative
- Dan Jordan, Project Director, SKANSKA Renewable Energy
- Heather McCall, AICP, Main St NJ & Improvement District Programs, NJDCA
- Matt Polsky, Fellow, Fairleigh Dickinson U, Institute for Sustainable Enterprise
- Linda Rice-Bailey, Sales Rep, CRW Graphics
- Ed Seliga, Vice President, Advanced Solar Products
- Randy Solomon, Sustainable Jersey
- Jeana Wirtenberg, President/CEO, Transitioning to Green
- Sandy Zeglarski, NJ Economic Development Authority

# The Following Individuals are Joining us Today:

#### Via Webinar:

- Jonathan Cloud, Center for Leadership in Sustainability
- Peter Crowley, CEO, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Michael Thulen, Govt Rep, Economic Development & Energy Policy, NJBPU
- Ernest Hofer, General Manager, Lake Mohawk Country Club
- Jennifer Souder, Consulting Research Mgr, Rutgers Center for Green Bldg
- Steven Rinaldi, Research Scientist, Recycling & Planning, NJDEP
- Joel Harmon, Exec Director, Fairleigh Dickinson, Institute for Sustainable Enterprise
- Victoria Zelin, Principal, Regenerative Community Ventures

# Green Tourism and Hospitality Conference

- Takeena Deas,
   Somerset County Business
   Partnership
- Jeff Waldman,
   The Green Standard

 Partnership with the NJ Small Business Development Center

 Making the Business Case for Sustainability

Sustainable Business Case Studies

Partnership with the NJ Small Business Development Center



Athena Sarafides, DEP SAGE



Ed Kurocka, NJSBDC

Introduction to the NJ Small Business Development Centers

- NJSBDC created in late 1970s
- Headquarters in Newark
- Eleven Regional Centers
- Provide Technical Assistance
  - Courses / Workshops
  - Individual No-cost Consulting

## Partnership Activities with NJSBDC

- To date:
  - Two Education Symposiums
- Future:
  - Searching for Funding
  - Continue to Educate through Counseling
  - NJSBDC to Develop and Review Certifications

Making the Business Case for Sustainability



Jerri Weigand, DEP SAGE

### Sustainable Business Case Studies



Athena Sarafides, DEP SAGE

### Sustainable Business Case Studies

- Seven to date: Dry Cleaner,
  Restaurant, Farm, Printer,
  Automotive Repair and Two
  Manufacturers
- Example of businesses working towards sustainability



### **Custom Cleaners**

**Risk Mitigation**: Required by the landlord to NOT use Perchloroethylene. As a result, invested in "Wet" cleaning equipment. Washing machines did not cost more money but did need additional tensioning equipment.

#### **Economic Benefits:**

- Energy 40% savings, Water and Waste Reduction (reuse hangers)
- Time savings takes less time to clean
- No longer purchase Perchloroethylene = No Hazardous waste disposal fees
- No air permits AND No inspections from NJDEP

Health Benefits: No headaches or dizziness!

**Marketing**: Currently they advertise the process as "organic" cleaning. They developed their customer base first! Business went up after they started to advertise their process as "organic". Customers like the smell (no chemical smell) and feel the products is brighter in color.



### Kitschens Inc.

### Represents 5-6 restaurants in Asbury Park area.

#### **Actions:**

- Purchase Sustainable Meat, Fish, Produce
- Started Farmers Market in community 3 years ago
   buy all produce that is left at the end of the day.
- Community / School Gardens
- Filter their water
- Waste Recycle, Use biodegradable straws, bags, offer to go containers
   Switched to single stream at one restaurant and saved a lot of money



#### Marketing: Have very loyal customers!

- Weekly e-newsletter, advertise in Edible Jersey
- Recently created their own "green" logo to identify sustainable options
- on their menu.
- Thursday nights Farm to Table night.
- Cooking Demonstrations.

#### **Employees: Need to educate employees**

Staff applications ask employees about their environmental ethic / knowledge.

www.kitschens.com



### **Terhune Orchards**

Terhune started in 1975 with 55 acres – now have 200 acres, up to 35 employees and grow 35 to 40 types of crops ranging from apples to zucchini.

#### **Benefits:**

- Make more money! Save money on the costs of energy, water and fertilizer
- Reduces Risk Reduced Regulations
- Stability w/ employees they like working at the farm, reduces turn-over rate and they do not have to train more new employees
- Happy and loyal customers!

Compost everything else!

#### **Actions:**

Drip Irrigation
Monitor well water
Grow a variety of plants - diversity
Practice Integrated Pest Management
Grow organic vegetables
New barn – use cold storage and solar panels = very energy efficient
Use seconds, e.g. apples = apple pies



www.terhuneorchards.com



RC Fine Foods is a second generation business started by Rubin Cohen and his wife in 1972. Now run by Gary Cohen and his two sisters, Susan and Barbara.

#### **Benefits:**

- Photovoltaic panels generating 30% of energy in food processing facility warehouse.
- Return of Investment SREC's return on investment is estimated at seven years.
- Employee Retention and Moral "Feel Good" about carbon foot print.

#### **Actions:**

- Photovoltaic panels
- LED lighting throughout facility
- Energy efficient mechanical equipment refrigeration, HVAC, heat exchangers, and closed loop water system.
- Recycling ReUse
- Recycle packaging.
- Grease by products in grease trap
- Roof ballast reused for landscaping.





# **Bradley Car Care**

Bradley Car Care is located in a residential neighborhood in Bradley Beach. It was certified as a Green Automotive Repair Program (GARP) facility in March 2012.

#### **Actions:**

- Replaced solvents parts washer with aqueous microbial parts washer
- Installed secondary spill containment pans under drums
- Now use spill pans at work stations
- Funnel stacking with drip collector
- Oil spills cleaned with remedial absorbents and cleaners
- Recycling practices in place for paper, metal and plastic
- Exterior enclosed shed to store batteries and oil drums









www.bradleycarcare.com



### **CRW GRAPHICS**

CRW Graphics' principals issued a directive eleven years ago to utilize environmental practices. Top down leadership!

#### **Actions:**

- Lithographic ink (exception metallic and pastel colors)
  have been replaced with linseed oil based ink.
- Chemical pollutants in film or in pre-press and plated process have been eliminated
- FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) Certified Printer
- Energy: lighting, CRT monitors, printing press EE
- Digital printing press acts as a heat recovery system to heat the facility.
- Water: Printing process saving 200,000 gals
- Recycling: Ink, aluminum printing plates, paper, cans, plastics
- Employee Continuous Improvement Program
- Support employee volunteerism in the community

#### **Economic Benefits:**

- Energy savings heating and cooling
- Utilities water and electrical bills
- Lowered liability insurance due to reduced disposal of toxics

www.crwgraphics.com







# Miele's Sustainability Program

Holistic views of corporate responsibility to customers, employees, suppliers, society and the environment.

- Management
- Employees
- Supply Chain
- Product Responsibility:
  - Design
  - Development
  - Production
  - Transport & Logistics
  - Usage Phase
  - Disposal





# The First Annual Survey of NJ Business Sustainability



Kent Fairfield, FDU Institute for Sustainable Enterprise

## Thank You!!!

**Next Meeting:** 

Tuesday, March 5, 2012

1:30 Networking

2:00 to 4:00 pm Meeting

**DEP Headquarters**